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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, GT

SUBJECT: ELECTION REPORT NUMBER 17

1. MORNING PRESS CARRIES FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
RESULTS:

A. ACCORDING TO ELECTORAL REGISTRY:

LAUGERUD 144,043 (42 PER CENT)

RIOS 125,741 (36 PER CENT)

PAIZ 73,483 (21.4 PER CENT)

B. ACCORDING TO COALITION:

LAUGERUD 242,631 (42 PER CENT)

RIOS 207,704 (36 PER CENT)

PAIZ 126,249 (21 PER CENT)

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C. ACCORDING TO OPPOSITION FRONT:

RIOS 218,499 (48.7 PER CENT)

LAUGERUD 143,583 (32 PER CENT)

PAIZ 86,583 (19 PER CENT)

RETURNS ANNOUNCED BY ELECTORAL REGISTRY AND COALITION CORRESPOND DIRECTLY TO PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWNS WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOG INTENDS TO USE IN ANNOUNCING FRAUDULENT VICTORY FOR LAUGERUD (SEE REPORT NO. 10 ON INFORMATION FORM ABUNDIO MALDONADO.

2. AT 1200, ONE RADIO STATION (WHICH HAD NOT JOINED NATIONAL NET) GAVE FOLLOWING "FINAL" FIGURE FROM OPPOSITION FRONT:

RIOS 335,430 (52 PER CENT)

LAUGERUD 201,212 (31.2 PER CENT)

PAIZ 108,992 (16.9 PER CENT)

AT ABOUT 1210 THIS STATION JOINED NATIONAL NET, WHICH PLAYING INCIDENTAL MUSIC.

3. AT 1000 TODAY OPPOSITION FRONT CANDIDATE RIOS MONTT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT HIS HOME ATTENDED BY GUATEMALAN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS. HE ANNOUNCED THAT, ACCORDING TO FRONT'S VOTE COUNT, HE HAD WON MARCH 3 ELECTIONS DESPITE OBSTACLES AND COACTION, INCLUDING THE ASSASSINATION OF SOME FRONT MEMBERS IN ZACAPA. HE ASSERTED THAT GOG HAD PERPETRATED GROSS FRAUD IN FALSIFYING VOTE RETURNS FROM COUNTRYSIDE IN ORDER TO FABRICATE VICTORY FOR COALITION CANDIDATE LAUGERUD. HE DECLARED THAT HIS "HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MILITARY HONOR" REQUIRED HIM TO REJECT THIS FRAUD AND INVITED ALL "POPULAR SECTORS" TO RESIST "PACIFICALLY." RIOS DECLARATION HAS BEEN BROADCAST BY AT LEAST ONE RADIO STATION.

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4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, RIOS MET ALONE LAST NIGHT WITH PRESIDENT ARANA. AT 1215, NATIONAL NET RELEASED BULLETIN ON MEETING DECLARING THAT PRESIDENT HAD ADVISED RIOS THAT HE (ARANA) HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DECLARE ANYONE PRESIDENT-ELECT. ARANA REITERATED HIS OFT EXPRESSED PLEDGE TO HAND OVER POWER TO WHOEVER WINS, ACCORDING TO CONSTITUTIONALLY ESTABLISHED ELECTION PROCEDURES. ARANA ALSO TOLD RIOS THAT GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED BY

"MANUEVERS, COACTION, OR DISORDERS." BULLETIN CLOSED
RESTATING PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO "RESPECT"
CONSTITUTION.

5. WHAT RIOS MEANS BY "PACIFIC RESISTENCE" IS UNCLEAR. AS OF 13:45
SITUATION REMAINS CALM AND THERE ARE NO REPORTED DISTURBANCES.
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